

Amendments to House Bill No. 1
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Requested by Representative Bill Glaser

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Title, line 8.

Following: "DISASTERS;"

Insert: "PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF STATE FIRE SUPPRESSION
MANAGEMENT;"

2. Page 3, line 7.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Governor's fire suppression management committee -- study.** (1) There is a fire suppression management and funding committee established to conduct a comprehensive fire suppression management and funding study.

(2) The committee consists of four senators appointed by the governor with the concurrence of the president and the minority leader of the senate and four representatives appointed by the governor with the concurrence of the speaker of the house and the minority leader. Two senators and two representatives must be members of the majority party, and two senators and two representatives must be members of the minority party. The governor may appoint eight additional members to represent the governmental or private entities involved in fire suppression activities in Montana.

(3) The committee is attached to the department of natural resources and conservation for administrative purposes. The legislative members of the committee are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-301 for each day actually spent on committee business. Other members are entitled to expenses as state employees. The department of natural resources and conservation shall provide reimbursements to the committee members.

(4) The study must include an analysis and investigation of fire management systems and funding as they relate to firefighting operations in Montana with a focus on the future of firefighting at all levels of government in Montana.

(5) The committee shall complete the study by September 15, 2008, and report to the governor and the 61st legislature on its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation."

Renumber: subsequent sections

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